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SUBJ: US LETTER TO LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER ON FORMATION OF
NEW CABINET

1. WHEN NEW LEBANESE CABINET IS FORMED AND APPROVED BY
PARLIAMENT, TRADITIONAL LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PRIME
MINISTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
TO REAFFIRM USG SUPPORT FOR LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. WE SUGGEST
MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES AS YOU UNDERTAKE YOUR HEAVY
RESPONSIBILITIES ON BEHALF OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE. AS I SAID
ON APRIL 28, WE HOPE THAT THE BRAVE PEOPLE OF LEBANON, WHO HAVE
SET AN EXAMPLE OF PROGRESS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, CAN SOON HAVE
PEACE RESTORED TO THEIR COUNTRY. THE UNITED STATES, IN RECOG-
NITION OF THE FRIENDSHIP THAT BINDS OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WILL
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTE-
GRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON AND THE EFFORTS THAT YOU AND
PRESIDENT SARKIS ARE MAKING TO REBUILD YOUR COUNTRY.

END QUOTE.

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